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The primary idea of this Programme is, of course, to enlighten the audience as to the personnel of the artists taking part in the performances, incidentally to serve as a guide to the plot of the piece, and generally to give such information as will tend to the enjoyment of the auditor.

Reading matter of a miscellaneous nature, is, however, liberally supplied, that may be perused with interest and advantage. Quips and Quirks give zest to the solid matter, as sauces do to meats, but there is a fund of information in the advertisements that may be seriously considered with profit.

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The war was over. The victorious Japanese troops marched proudly through the streets of Pekin. Li Hung Chang, "the Bismarck of the East," sat alone in his palace, wrapped in thought.

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A BURGLARY.

Tom—Pills, the druggist, tells me that burglers entered his store the other night and stole $15 worth of perfume. Too bad, wasn't it? Jerry—I should say so. Have they put the detectives on the scent?

SET RIGHT.

Wool—What time is it?

Van Pelt—The 6 o'clock editions of the evening papers are just out.

Wool (sets his watch)—I thought it must be about half-past 4.

TOO BEAUTIFUL FOR HIM.

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Mr. Wagleigh—A policeman hit her with one of those new concealed clubs the other day.

Miss Wanterneau—What has that to do with it?

Mr. Wagleigh—Don't you see? She was struck with a Little Billy.

THE LADY AND THE TROLLEY.

It was a Cambridge car, and it had stopped just in front of Beck Hall. Mrs. Casey, who sat near the front door, tackled her bundle of washing and started to leave by the front platform. The bundle was rather large and decidedly awkward to handle, and when she reached the street it slipped from her grasp and fell upon one of the tracks.

She started quickly to recover it, but a sudden apprehension seized her and she stopped. Looking at the motorman, she said, doubtfully: "If Oi put me fut on the track will Oi hov a shock?"

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PROGRAMME

ONE WEEK, Commencing

May 13th.

HOWARD WALL'S IDEALS.

Howard Wall - - - - - - - - Manager

John A. Himmelien - - - - Associate Manager

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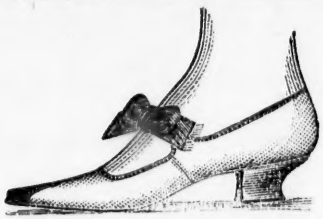

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ON THE SAFE SIDE.

Romley—I thought you were going on a business trip this week, Jephson?

Jephson—I was, but the new curate is taking special interest in my wife's salvation, so I'm not going.

ON A CHINESE MAN OF WAR.

Lieutenant—Your most noble Greenjacketness, the Japanese ships are approaching.

His Greenjacketness—Then fire a cannon at the dogs.

Lieutenant—But, Your Greenjacketness, they are still so far off that the ball will only go half way.

His Greenjacketness—Then fire two cannons at the dogs.

Little Ethel—Johnny took my banana. Mother—Johnny, what do you mean—— Little Johnny—It was all in the game, mamma. I said, "Let's play Broadway," and she said, "All wight," and so she got a table for a banana stand, and then I was a policeman and walked past.

Judge—Name? Prisoner—Smith. Judge—Occupation? Prisoner—Locksmith. Judge—Officer, locksmith up.

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FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 17th.

DASHING WIDOWS.

A COMEDY DRAMA.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

MOLLY GAY MERRYWEATHER	BEATRICE EARLE
Mrs. Fosdick	May Prindle
Mrs. McManus	Emma Haynor
George Fosdick	Howard Hall
Rafael DeRivola	W. C. Richardson
Marc Antony Popkins	M. B. Streeter
Benjamin Groggins	Howard Wall
Lawrence	Evelyn Forbes
Hawkins	J. Knox Gavin

SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.—Home of the Fosdicks. ACT II.—The Italian's Studio.
ACT III.—Hotel at Newport. ACT IV.—Same as Act III.

SPECIALTIES BY MISS EARLE AND MR. STREETER.
MUSICAL BETWEEN ACTS.

PROF. GEO. A. OTT, the Man Orchestra, introducing his musical novelties, including the Xylophone, Slide Trombone, Corillion and Kalamazoo.

SATURDAY MATINEE—"THE BLACK FLAG."

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Mary—Yes, sir.

Mr. J. —Well, I wish you would ask Mrs, J. where she put them, as I cannot find them.

Mary—Mrs. J. has just gone out bicycling, sir.

A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.

Mrs. Asher —How do you like our table?

New Boarder—I was just thinking how little there was left to be desired.

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Saturday Matinee

THE BLACK FLAG.

IN FIVE ACTS.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Harry Glyndon, a coast guard	Howard Hall
Owen Glyndon, a stern parent	Howard Wall
John Glyndon, a scheming brother	W. C. Richardson
Sim Lazarus, a London sharper	M. B. Streeter
Augustus Scarum, a tourist	Earl Burgess
Capt. Handysides, a brutal skipper	J. Knox Gavin
Guide	J. Knox Gavin
Warden	Mr. Wall
Inspector	Mr. Burgess
Phillips	M. J. Clifton
Namoi Bradford	May Prindle
Topsy Carroll	Beatrice Earle
Ruth Glyndon	Emma Haynor
Ned, a cabin boy	Evelyn Forbes

Sailors, convicts, etc.

SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.—The Red Lion Inn. ACT II.—Home of Owen Glyndon. ACT III.—Portland Prison Quarries. ACT IV.—The Cavern in the Rocks. ACT V.—The Justice Room.

Between the Acts.

Prof. Geo. A. Ott will introduce his musical novelties, including the Xylophone, Slide Trombone, Corrillion and Kalamazoo.

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Children's Nobby Headwear

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To see a man he knew.
No tears adown her fair cheeks ran;
She donned her sweetest smile,
And flirted with another man
Who sat across the aisle.
—New York Press.

Flossie—Mamma, tan I have a new dollie?
Mamma—No! Your doll is just as good as new.
Flossie—Well I'se dest as dood as new, but Dod dave 'oo another little dirl.

TOMMY'S BREAK.

(From Puck.)

I got fired from Sunday-school
Week before last. I don't care!
Never liked it, anyhow—
Wasn't any fun down there.

Teacher asked who Samson was—
S'pose I made a bad mistake—
But I told her what I thought:
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J. K. SPRY, MANAGER.

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SATURDAY NIGHT, MAY 18th.

MYRTLE FERNS.

—OR—

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Percy O'Neil	Howard Hall
Robert Sinclair	J. Knox Gavin
Capt. Stone	W. C. Richardson
Jerry McGuire	M. B. Streeter
Stub West	Howard Wall
Sheriff	M. J. Clifton
Banty Morgan	Mr. Wall
Tom	Edward Lamb
Florence Sinclair	May Prindle
Chick	Beatrice Earle
Mabel West	Evelyn Forbes
Mrs. Horace Sinclair	Emma Haynor

SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.—Stub West's Cabin. The Little Mountain Home. The Murder. A Clue.
ACT II.—Home of the Sinclairs. The Plotter at Work. Chick and the Clue. Arrest of Robert. Jerry's denouement.
ACT III.—Pleasure Bay. The New Boatman. The Spelling Lesson. O'Neil and Jerry to the Rescue.
ACT IV.—The Prison. The Vindictive Hunchback. The Hole in the Wall. Chick. The Escape.
ACT V.—Same as 2nd. Jerry's Story. Chick and her Good Clothes. A Christmas Present. Captain Mud. "Cook him for Breakfast in the Morning."

SPECIALTIES.

ACT II.—Songs	M. B. Streeter.
ACT III.—"The Brokers"	Miss Earle and Mr. Streeter.
ACT V.—"The New Marguerite"	Miss Earle.

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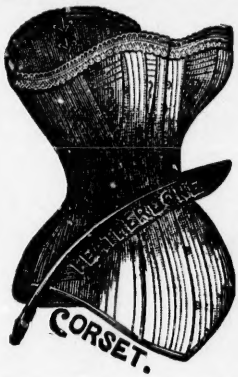

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Thou art fair as the lily, and beauteous as the rose,
For, coming down to beauty, you're in it, "I'll tell you those."

Oh, woman, lovely woman, thy charms are ever great,
Thou dost keep the men all guessing sometimes at a lively rate,
How often hast thou caught them with thy smile so fair to see,
Oh, woman, lovely woman, come, wilt "smile with me?"

Oh, woman, lovely woman, chief attraction—nay, save one,
And that one is our office, where the finest Printing's done.
Our printing is par excellence in quality, and the price,
When you see the work we do you'll say "It don't cut ice."

Oh, woman, lovely woman, thy influence with man
Has always held full sway e'er since the world began,
Exert it in a profitable way o'er fathers, lovers and brothers,
And tell them when they printing want—forget that "there are others."

Then woman, lovely woman, thou hast not lived in vain,
Pleasant day to morrow, if indeed it does not rain
We'll sing your praises truly, your charms both rich and rare.
Some day you'll have a harp and wings, and go "up in the air."

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